

participated in Special Olympics events, promoting their efforts within the club. As his leadership experiences increased, his confidence in speaking with others grew, and he now proudly conducts the chapter's meetings on a regular basis.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in recognizing Simon Caldwell, whose commendable public service and dedication to the Lions Club has made him an inspiration for many. His strong moral character and earnest concern for my people makes it an honor to serve him in the United States Congress.

10TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FEDERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING ACCREDITATION BOARD

HON. JACK KINGSTON

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 9, 2012

Mr. KINGSTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to the Federal Law Enforcement Training Accreditation (FLETA) Board as they celebrate their 10th anniversary on June 5, 2012. The FLETA Board of Directors is comprised of 21 senior officials from federal law enforcement agencies, academia, and professional organizations. Since the FLETA Board's inception, fifteen federal law enforcement academies and over 60 individual law enforcement training programs have voluntarily presented themselves to be assessed through the FLETA process and receive accreditation.

The FLETA Office of Accreditation is one of the smallest entities in the Federal Government with only seven government employees, yet the impact on federal training and operations is extensive. FLETA assists law enforcement agencies in virtually every department of the Federal Government to improve operations through more effective and efficient training. The mission of FLETA is more important now than ever before. This agency's efforts are demonstrative of good government in action, accountability through self-regulation, and exhibit the transparency that Americans expect of their government.

I would like to congratulate FLETA on their 10th anniversary and wish them much success in the future as they continue to assist federal law enforcement operations through training.

TRIBUTE TO DR. KENNETH L. SAMUEL

HON. HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 9, 2012

Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, Whereas, Victory for the World Church has been and continues to be a beacon of light to our county for the past twenty-five years; and

Whereas, Dr. Kenneth L. Samuel, Pastor and Organizer and the members of the Victory for the World Church family today continues to uplift and inspire those in our community; and

Whereas, Victory for the World Church family has been and continues to be a place where citizens are touched spiritually, mentally

and physically through outreach ministries and community partnership to aid in building up our District; and

Whereas, this remarkable and tenacious Church of God has given hope to the hopeless, fed the needy and empowered our community for the past twenty-five (25) years by preaching the gospel, teaching the gospel and living the gospel; and

Whereas, Victory for the World Church has produced many spiritual warriors, people of compassion, people of great courage, fearless leaders and servants to all, but most of all visionaries who have shared not only with their Church, but with DeKalb County and the world their passion to spread the gospel of Jesus Christ; and

Whereas, the U.S. Representative of the Fourth District of Georgia has set aside this day to honor and recognize the Victory for the World Church family for their leadership and service to our District on this the 25th anniversary of their founding;

Now therefore, I, HENRY C. "HANK" JOHNSON, Jr., do hereby proclaim May 23, 2012, as Victory for the World Church Day in the 4th Congressional District of Georgia.

UNITED WAY

HON. RUBÉN HINOJOSA

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 9, 2012

Mr. HINOJOSA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the 125th anniversary of the world's largest privately supported not-for-profit organization, which now serves 1,800 communities in 41 countries and territories. The United Way is an organization created by a diverse group of leaders in 1887 in Denver, CO, with a goal of creating opportunities for a better life in their communities. Today, the United Way raises nearly \$5 billion dollars annually with a mission to "improve lives by mobilizing the caring power of communities around the world to advance the common good." In 2008, the United Way set in motion three specific goals of improving education, promoting healthy lives, and helping people achieve financial stability.

Crisis response after the tsunami struck South Asia in 2004 and a youth-led program to rebuild the Gulf Coast after the hurricanes in 2006 are just a few examples of how the organization has been committed to people in need both in the United States and internationally.

Within the fifteenth district of Texas, the United Way has served more than 200,000 people and funded more than 100 programs in two counties. These programs vary from women's programs to Boy Scouts, and include community projects such as the purchase of school supplies to low income children. I hope that you will take a moment with me today, on the official United Way founder's day, to recognize and remember the great contribution the United Way has made to our community in the last 125 years.

25TH ANNIVERSARY OF MR. AND MRS. DONALD BARNES

HON. TIMOTHY V. JOHNSON

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 9, 2012

Mr. JOHNSON of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a very special occasion—the 25th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Barnes of Urbana, Illinois.

Mr. and Mrs. Barnes have been long time close friends of mine and I relish this opportunity to congratulate them on this important milestone in their life.

I salute this lovely couple on the 25th year of their life together and join their family in honoring them on this special occasion. May their union be an inspiration for future generations.

OUR UNCONSCIONABLE NATIONAL DEBT

HON. MIKE COFFMAN

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 9, 2012

Mr. COFFMAN of Colorado. Mr. Speaker, on January 20, 2009, the day President Obama took office, the national debt was \$10,626,877,048,913.08.

Today, it is \$15,879,528,608,975.11. We've added \$5,252,651,560,062.03 to our debt in just over 3 years. This is debt our nation, our economy, and our children could have avoided with a balanced budget amendment.

IN REMEMBRANCE OF ANDY GRIFFITH

HON. LAURA RICHARDSON

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, July 9, 2012

Ms. RICHARDSON. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to honor the memory of one of the most beloved television personalities of all time, Andy Griffith. For over five decades he entertained us with the wholesome and charismatic energy he was known for. Mr. Griffith's career is the very definition of legendary, and he will be sorely missed.

Mr. Griffith came from humble beginnings. Born in Mount Airy, North Carolina, in 1926, he started out his entertainment career in minor comedic roles and obtained notoriety with his hit monologue "What it Was, Was Football". He went on to star in his first dramatic role in the movie "A Face in the Crowd". The character he played was a country boy who manipulated his way to political power. The movie taught all of us the lesson that power corrupts, and corrupts absolutely.

Although this was his only real big screen success, Mr. Griffith's television roles are what we will remember him for. "The Andy Griffith Show" was an instant success. Mr. Griffith starred as the lovable Sheriff Andy Taylor, and while he never received a writing credit, he was also involved in the development of every script. Overlooked year after year for an Emmy Award, Mr. Griffith congratulated his